

PUBLIC NOTICE
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
Bureau of Water
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF A
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) proposes to modify the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit #SC0049158, issued to RIDGELAND/JIMMY MIXSON WRF, (JASPER COUNTY/BEAUFORT EQC OFFICE) ONE TOWN SQUARE, RIDGELAND, SC 29936. The facility is located at the dead-end of Secondary Road S-27-264 (Preacher Street) in Ridgeland, Jasper County. The facility has 2 discharge points: 001-treated sanitary wastewater, discharging to: 342.4 net acres spray fields designated 1, 2, 3, A, B1, B2, E, G, J, K, and M; 002-treated sanitary wastewater, discharging to: Captain Bill's Creek to Bees Creek to Coosawhatchie River; The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code for the facility is 4952. The receiving streams are classified Class NA and FW. FW waters are freshwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation and as a source for drinking water supply after conventional treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Department. Suitable for fishing and the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for industrial and agricultural uses. Sludge solids from the Tertiary Treatment Plant (Outfall 002) shall be removed from the facility and transported to Hickory Hill Landfill, #272401-1101 (formerly DWP-112) near Ridgeland SC under conditions outlined in the NPDES permit. Groundwater will be monitored at 19 monitoring wells. There is no potential to affect an existing or proposed drinking water source and no state-approved source water protection area; hence, MCLs or W/O criteria shall not apply.

The proposed modifications are as follows:

1. For the outfall discharging to Captain Bill's Creek, (A) limits page for 0.8 MGD flow has been deleted and (B) Ultimate Oxygen Demand (UOD) limits have been added as reciprocal to less stringent Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), and Ammonia-Nitrogen (NH-3) limits to facilitate operational flexibility at 1.6 MGD flow.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the permit modifications are invited to submit same in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice to the attention of: Murali C Koppa; SC DHEC; Water Facilities Permitting Division; 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; Telephone: 803-898-4220. The permit number should be placed at the top of the first page of comments. When there is a significant degree of public interest in a permit or group of permits, the Department may hold a public hearing. SC DHEC is not involved in zoning, land use, or property value issues. Please contact your local County or Municipal officials for questions or concerns on these issues.

All comments received within the 30-day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the permit. All persons submitting written comments will be notified of the final determinations. Requests for adjudicatory hearings may be filed after the above described determinations have been made. Additional information regarding adjudicatory hearings is available from the Legal Office at the above Department address or by calling 803-898-3350.

Additional information on proposed permit determinations and on hearing procedures is available by writing or calling the Department at the above address or telephone number. Copies of a specific application or draft permit of interest to an individual, organization, or company must be requested in writing. A fee schedule has been established for processing these requests: Reproduction of documents - \$0.25 per page. Requests must be mailed to the Freedom of Information Office at 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, phone number: 803-898-3882; or requests may be faxed to the Freedom of Information Office at 803-898-3816. Arrangements can be made to review all the permit information at the Freedom of Information Office on the third floor of the Sims Building across from Peebles Auditorium.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons you know will be interested in this matter.

